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TERMS OF THE AMERICAN. THE AMERICAN is published every Saturday at TWO DOLLARS per annum...

SELECT POETRY.

A BEAUTIFUL BALLAD. The following ballad, which we recollect reading in our boyhood...

ELEGANT BALLAD. 'Twas on a cliff whose rocky height Bailed the briny wave...

A mother, led by rustic cares, Had wandered with her child; Unwaxed the babe, yet on the grass He frolicked and he smiled...

Yet soon, by other cares estranged, Her thoughts the child forgot; Careless he wandered on the ground, Nor caught his mother's look...

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A Thrilling Sketch.

Ascent of Mount Blanc by a Baltimorean. The New York Herald contains the following letter from Mr. J. E. Owens...

Chamonix, Sept. 4, 1852. The successful ascent of Mount Blanc—the highest mountain in Europe—is regarded as a performance by the tourists...

Wm. Mcarty, BOOKSELLER, Market Street, SUNBURY, PA.

JUST received and for sale, a fresh supply of FVANGELICAL MUSIC or Singing Schools...

OYSTERS! THE undersigned is thankful for past favors and wishes to continue in the confidence...

PHILIP SHAY, Northumberland, Oct. 16, 1852.

Cornelius Baker & Co., MANUFACTURERS OF Lamps, Chandeliers, Gas Fixtures, &c.

Lycorning Mutual Insurance Company. DR. J. B. MASSER is the local agent for the above Insurance Company...

HAND BILLS neatly printed on new type promptly executed at this office.

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